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To Shigemitsu, Minister for Foreign Affairs, from Kase, Minister to Switzerland.

Information from Switzerland No. 157.

Subject: Press comments on the relation between the new French Government and French Indo-China, and the Bulgarian situation.

(31st)

1. (A) Through a broadcast of Radio France, the French Provisional Government announced that France would participate in the war against Japan, on the side of the Allies, and fight until not only all French territories are liberated, but also her enemies in Europe and in Asia are completely suppressed. (31st, London Reuter)
(B) The spokesmen of the French Provisional Government made a statement on the 29th about the relations between Japan and French Indo-China. The main points are as follows: (Tribune de Geneve, Algiers, Special Dispatch)

The Vichy Government has been giving instruction, without any authority, to the Governor-General Decoux concerning the relations between Japan and French Indo-China.

The fate of French Indo-China will be decided, by taking into consideration the interests of the people of French Indo-China, and

those of France herself of which the Japanese Government will be informed at an appropriate date.

2. (A) It was announced that the Bulgarian Delegates for truce had arrived at Cairo on the 30th. (31st, Cairo, U.P.)

(B) An editorial of the Times has attracted much attention, saying that in Bulgaria, so long as Filov and other members of his clique remained as regents and held the real power of the Government, her relations with the Allied Powers would not only remain unclarified, but also would be made even precarious. The reason why Bulgaria did not declare war against Turkey in spite of German demand when Turkey severed her relations with Germany, was actually due to the fact that moderate elements belonging to Premier Bagrianov's group had finally come to exert influence on the general domestic situation in the face of Filov's pro-German opinion. (London Exchange)

3. (A) The French Provisional Government is approaching the Swiss Government for agreement for Jean Verge, Counsellor of Embassy, in order to appoint him as Charge d'Affaires to Switzerland. (Tribune de Geneve, Algiers, Special Dispatch)

(B) Concerning the above-mentioned matter, Swiss official circles are dissatisfied, considering it maladroit to disclose such a fact before the Swiss Government has accorded the agreement, and reasoning moreover that agreement is given to an Ambassador or a Minister, and not to a Charge d'Affaires formally. (La Swiss, Bern Special Dispatch)

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August 31, 1944.

is a true and correct copy of the official document in the custody of the Japanese Foreign Office.

Tokyo, on this 24th day of June, 1947.

(signed) Kacru HAYASHI

Signed before me on the same day
and at the same place,

(signed) Katsuma URABE

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, MIURA, Kazuichi, hereby certify that I can read, write and speak the Japanese and the English languages, and that I have made the English translation of

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Shigemitsu, August 31, 1944,

accurately and faithfully.

(sign.) Kazuichi MIURA

Tokyo, January 10th, 1947.

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(佛新政權ト佛印關係及勃園ノ動向ニ關スル論評)

ハ三十一日

一(イ)「ラヂオ、フランス」ノ放送、於テ佛假政府ハ佛園ハ聯合側ニ立チテ
對日戰ニ參加シ、一切ノ佛領土解放ノ爲ノミカラズ歐洲及亞細亞ニ於ケル
敵國ノ完全ニ屈服セテ、アルル、遠戰ヲ旨聲明セリ

ハ三十一日倫敦「ロイター」

(ロ)佛國假政府代總理ハ二十九日日本佛印關係ニ付聲明セルガ、其ノ要領
左ノ通りヘ「トリビューン・デ・ジュネイヴ、アルジエー」特電
「ヴィシー」政府ハ權限ナク日本及佛印間ノ關係ニ付「ドクタ」總督ニ

訓令シ居タルナリ佛印ノ運命ハ印度支那人ノ利害及適當ノ時期ニ日本
政府ニ通達セラルベキ佛國自身ノ利害ヲモ考慮ニ入レタル上ニテ決定セ
ラルベシ

二、(イ) 勒牙利休戦委員ハ三十日「カイロ」ニ到着セル旨公表セラレタリヘ
十一日「カイロ」リP-

(ロ) 「タイムス」紙ガ其ノ論説ニ於テ勃國ニテ Filov 及其ノ他ノ一派ノ連
中ガ攝政職ニアリ政府ノ實權ヲ掌握シ居ル限り聯合國トノ關係ガ明朗化
セザルノミナラズ危険狀態ニスラ置カルベント述べ多大ノ注目ヲ惹キタ
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對シ宣戰セザリシハ Filov ノ親獨意見ニ抗シ Bagrationov 首相一派ノ程
和派ガ斯ク國內ノ大勢ヲ動カスニ至ルニ依ルモノナリヘ倫敦「エクス
チエンジ」-

三、(イ) 佛國假政府ハ大使館參事官 Jean Verge フ瑞西翻訳代理大使トシテ
任命ソ爲瑞西側ノ「アグレマン」ヲ請求中ナリヘ「アルジエー・トリビ
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(回) 前項ノ件ニ關シ當國官邊ニテハ瑞西政府ガ「アグレマン」ヲ與フル前ニ
斯ル事實ヲ發表シタルト不手際ナルノミナラズ「アグレマン」ハ大儀又ハ
公使ニ對シテノミ與フルノニシテ正式ニハ代理大使ニ與フルモノニアラズ
ト爲シ多少ノ不満ヲ表ハシ居ル題ナリヘ「ラ・スイス」「ベルン」特電一

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